

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected Claims 7 and 8 under 35 USC 112 on the ground that “said central seat means” in Claim 7 lacks antecedent basis, and that Claim 7 depends from a cancelled claim. Applicant appreciates the Examiner pointing out the problems with Claim 7. Claim 7 was meant to be amended in the last Amendment to depend from Claim 2 rather than Claim 1. However, this change inadvertently was not made. Claim 7 is now requested to be amended to depend from Claim 2 rather than Claim 1. Further, it is requested to amend Claim 7 to delete the word “central” in reference to “seat means.” Thus, Claim 7 would refer to “said seat means of said inner body” rather than “said central seat means of said inner body.” Claim 2 provides “an inner body defining an axis with respect to which a torque is to be measured and having seat means for engagement of a screwing tool to be calibrated”. Thus, there is antecedent basis for “said seat means of said inner body”.

The proposed amendments to Claim 7 merely correct the Examiner’s objections under 35 USC 112 and do not add any new limitations or new issues to Claim 7. Therefore it is requested that the amendments to Claim 7 be entered and that Claims 7 and 8 be allowed.

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Dated this 3rd day of October, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert R. Mallinckrodt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping tail.

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